

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 18 March 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, O Gunn, A Surtees and A Willis

Also Present:

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

G Keay (Licensing Team Leader)

N Thornton (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Sgt T Robson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder did not attend the meeting but it was agreed by Members to proceed in his absence.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

N Thornton the Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to present her report and respond to questions from members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.10 pm. After reconvening at 2.20 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

N Thornton the Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to present her report and respond to questions from members.

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.35 pm. After reconvening at 2.40 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

**N Thornton, Licensing Enforcement Officer left the meeting
G Key, Licensing Team Leader entered the meeting**

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his partner to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

G Keay, Licensing Team Leader was in attendance to present his report and respond to questions from members.

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.55 pm. After reconvening at 3.05 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's licence be suspended until he had successfully completed the knowledge and locality test.

G Keay, Licensing Team Leader left the meeting

9 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.35 pm. After reconvening at 3.40 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence but he be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.